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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Application Number: 09/474,867
Filing Date: December 29, 1999
First Named Inventor: Masayoshi Nanami et al.
Group Art Unit: 3617
Examiner Name: E. Swinehart

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified

application.

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Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

() Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .

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01 FC:116 400 (X) CH Enclosed:

- (X) Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)
- (X) Supplemental Reissue Application Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175
- (X) Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form PTO-1449 with two (2) references.
- (X) Return Postcard

2. Miscellaneous:

() Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)
for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months).

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CLAIMS AS FILED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total Claims	51	—	47	= 4 ×	\$18	= \$ 72
Independent Claims	5	—	4	= 1 ×	\$84	= \$ 84
If application has been amended to contain multiple dependent claim(s), then add					\$280	= \$ 0
Time Extension Fee (three months)						\$ 920
RCE Fee						\$ 740
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						

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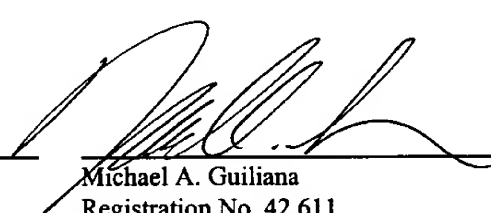
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4. Payment:

- (X) Check in the amount of \$1,816.00 to cover the above fees.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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Reissue of
Patent No. : 5,853,308
Issued : December 29, 1998
For : ENGINE AND EXHAUST
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2000, Applicants respectfully
request consideration of the following comments and amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have set forth below amended
Claim 27 with deletions in brackets and additions in underlining. A separate page is
attached showing the amendments to Claim 27 as well as new Claims 48 -52 with
markings to show changes made relative to the issued patent.

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27 (Amended) A watercraft comprised of a hull defining an engine
compartment, an engine contained within the engine compartment, and an exhaust system
extending from the engine to an exhaust discharge, the engine including an engine body
journaling an output shaft to rotate about a rotational axis, the engine body having at least
one cylinder which defines a cylinder axis and which contains a piston connected to the
output shaft, [the engine body including at least one intake port provided on a first
side of a plane which contains the cylinder axis and the rotational axis of the output
shaft, and] at least one exhaust port provided on a [second] first side of [the] a plane
which contains the cylinder axis and the rotational axis of the output shaft, [opposite the

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